

MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, February 13, 2008
9:00 a.m. Executive Session
10:30 a.m. State Board Regular Meeting
Rutledge Building
Rutledge Conference Center

Al Simpson, Chair
Kristin Maguire, Chair-Elect
Jim Rex, PhD
State Superintendent of Education
Secretary and Administrative Officer to the Board

Chair Simpson brought the State Board of Education meeting to order at 9:00 am. He asked for a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session for the purpose of considering educator certification cases. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the Board go into Executive Session. Mr. Ben Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The following State Board of Education members were in attendance for the Executive Session: Al Simpson, Chair, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Mrs. Kristin Maguire, Chair-Elect, Governor's Appointee; Mrs. Patsy Pye, First Judicial Circuit; Mr. Tim Moore, Esquire, Second Judicial Circuit; Mrs. Bonnie Disney, Third Judicial Circuit; Mrs. Libby Swad, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Mr. Charles McKinney, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Ms. Cindy Clark, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Mr. Rick Adkins, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Ms. Amelia Herlong, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Mr. Trip DuBard, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; Mr. Phillip Bowers, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Mr. Ben Mitchell, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; Dr. Gerrita Postlewait, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; and Dr. Brit Blackwell, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit. Absent with apologies were Mr. Hampton Hubbard and Ms. Diane Sumpter.

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were in attendance: Jim Rex, PhD, State Superintendent of Education; Mrs. Carol Collins, Minute Taker; Mr. Mark Bounds, Deputy Superintendent, Educator Quality and Leadership; Mr. Jack Singletary, Educator Certification; Wendy Cartledge, Esquire, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; Shelly Kelly, Esquire, Deputy General Counsel and Parliamentarian, Office of General Counsel; Janice Poda, PhD, Deputy Superintendent for Administration, and Mr. Jim Turner, Director, Educator Certification.

State Board of Education hearing officer, John Fantry, Esquire was also in attendance.

Open Session

1. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education take no action and dismiss the case against Ms. Valerie K. Stiffer, certificate 224050. Mr. Charles McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education suspend the certificate of Elizabeth M. Ward, certificate 225042, for a period of 60 days beginning December 5, 2007, and ending February 4, 2008. Mr. Charles McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education suspend the certificate of Mia U. Loser, certificate 210191, for a period of six months beginning December 5, 2007, and ending June 4, 2008. Mr. Charles McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mrs. Libby Swad abstained.

The State Board went back into executive session to consider additional educator certification cases. Mr. Fantry was not present during this session.

Open Session

4. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education summarily suspend the certificate of Timothy L. Brumit, certificate 194953, and adopt an Order of Summary Suspension on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Mr. Charles McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education suspend the certificate of Cheryl D. Fitts-Brown, certificate 176076, for an indefinite period and adopt an Order of Suspension on the grounds of National Board loan default. Mr. Ben Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion carried.
6. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education suspend the certificate of Susan A. Hyler, certificate 082775, and adopt an Order of Suspension on the grounds of unprofessional conduct for test security violation. Mrs. Amelia Herlong seconded the motion. The motion carried.
7. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education suspend the certificate of Ann B. Johnson, certificate 187945, and adopt an

Order of Summary Suspension on the grounds of National Board loan default. Mr. Ben Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8. Mr. Tim Moore moved that the State Board of Education summarily suspend the certificate of Charles H. Long, Jr., certificate 106845, and adopt an Order of Suspension. Mrs. Kristin Maguire seconded the motion. The motion carried.
9. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education suspend the certificate of Christi C. Sauls, certificate 181973, for an indefinite period and adopt an Order of Suspension on the grounds of National Board loan default. Mr. Ben Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion carried.
10. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education suspend the certificate of Earleane P. Williams, certificate 174683, for an indefinite period and adopt an Order of Suspension on the grounds of National Board loan default. Ms. Cindy Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried.
11. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education suspend the certificate of Tonya Y. Yarbrough, certificate 182003, for an indefinite period and adopt an Order of Suspension on the grounds of National Board loan default. Mr. Rick Adkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Board went back into executive session to consider an initial certification applicant.

Open Session

12. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education deny a certificate to Geraldine Ferrell. Mr. Rick Adkins seconded the motion. The motion carried, with one opposing vote by Mr. Tim Moore.

The Board went back into executive session to consider an initial certification applicant.

Open Session

13. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education deny a certificate to Mr. Nicholas T. Luetzow. Mr. Charles McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried with two opposing votes by Mr. Tim Moore and Mrs. Libby Swad.

The Board went back into executive session to consider an initial certification applicant.

Open Session

14. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education deny a certificate to Barbara T. Rogers. Mr. Rick Adkins seconded the motion. The motion carried with two opposing votes by Mr. Ben Mitchell and Mr. Tim Moore.

II. WELCOME/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Simpson called the meeting to order. He recognized the Junior Army ROTC from Blythewood Jr. High School, Richland School District Two, under the command of Lt. Colonel Charles White, to present the colors. Mr. Rick Adkins led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2008

Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board approve the agenda for February 13, 2008. Mrs. Amelia Herlong seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR JANUARY 9, 2008

Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education approve the minutes for the January 9, 2008, meeting as presented. Mr. Charles McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

V. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Chair Simpson asked all visitors present to stand and be recognized. He recognized Ms. Debbie Coble from *The State* newspaper.

Chair Simpson turned the meeting over to Dr. Jim Rex, State Superintendent, for his report and recognitions.

VI. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT AND RECOGNITIONS
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Dr. Rex asked Board member, Mr. Phillip Bowers, to come to the podium and assist him in recognizing the Outstanding Middle Level Social Studies Teacher of the Year, Ms. Hale Edwards.

Dr. Rex recognized the 2007-08 Afterschool Ambassador, Dr. Traci Young Cooper. Attending with Dr. Cooper were Superintendent Allen Coles, Richland School District One; Reverend Samuel Lewis, First Calvary Baptist Church; and Mary Young, Dr. Cooper's mother.

Dr. Rex asked Board member, Mrs. Patsy Pye, to come to the podium and assist him in recognizing the 2006-07 School Bus Safety Poster Contest Winner, Ms. Mia J. Ulmer. Mia attends William J. Clark Middle School, Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five. Attending with Mia were Ms. Melissa Wright, art teacher; Ms. Anna H. Jacobs, Visual and Performing Arts Specialist; and Mr. Albert and Mrs. Deborah Ulmer, parents.

Dr. Rex provided the Board members with an update on current legislative matters. He discussed the bill pending in the House on reforms to the Education Accountability Act (EAA). He discussed the accountability and assessment task forces that were created last summer to study the EAA and make recommendations for changes. He stated that he has heard concerns and complaints about the current system and feels that the time is now right for changes to be made. The recommendations of the task forces are comprehensive and the pending bill contains the bulk of these

recommendations. One of the recommendations not being addressed in the legislation is a five-year cyclical review of the EAA system. The other concern being heard is that there is too much end-of-year testing. The bill would allow us to replace the PACT with a different test that has a better turn around time and also one that gives more in-depth information about what students "are" or "are not" learning. The bill does not reduce the amount of testing at the end of the school year and does not include all of the formative assessments recommended by the task forces. Formative tests would provide teachers with immediate feedback and they would be able to adjust their instruction, if needed.

The task forces felt that the PACT needed to be replaced as soon as possible with a better test. The South Carolina Department of Education staff is prepared to put a new test in place in spring 2009. Following that timeline, this would be the last year for the PACT. The pending bill moves that date back to 2010.

Another recommendation by the task forces is that some of the nomenclature be changed, one thing being how we describe student performance. Dr. Rex stated that there are now four categories: (1) Advanced, (2) Proficient, (3) Basic, and (4) Below Basic. The new recommendation is that we have three levels: (1) met, (2) not met, and (3) exemplary. The new levels would work better with the federal expectations for reporting as required by No Child Left Behind and also as a clearer description of a student's performance.

Another matter of concern is that we have names for schools that many people feel are overly punitive. Other states have addressed the labels by coming up with descriptors that make it clearer that these are schools that are in need of help and must change, and it creates ownership for making change, not just by the faculty in that particular school but by the district, state, community, and the department of education. The descriptors need to be "instructive" and "constructive." Right now they are somewhat "destructive."

The other legislative areas of emphasis are universal four-year-old kindergarten for all at-risk children. Because of the economic downturn, we are asking the Legislature to codify a commitment to providing universal 4K for at-risk children when funding is available.

The other major issue that will be addressed again this year is public school choice. The provision to require districts to establish choice programs that enable students to go to another district is no longer mandatory. Single gender education is an example of public school choice that has been implemented in many of our schools. Dr. Rex stated that we now have eighty-five schools in South Carolina that have some type of single-gender choice option for students and parents. David Chadwell was hired this past summer by the Department to facilitate the implementation of single-gender

programs. Chadwell has received a commitment from 221 schools to implement programs next year. This bill will require districts to provide greater choice within the public school system through public charter schools, magnet schools, Montessori schools, etc.

The last major legislative issue is a two-year process for changing the way that schools are funded. Teacher compensation and how resources are raised have to be addressed. The only funds being requested specifically from the Legislature this year related to the funding system is a \$6 million allocation to allow the South Carolina Department of Education to create a facility inventory statewide so that a priority listing can be developed of schools that need to be replaced and/or renovated. Currently there is no empirical basis to determine which schools should be addressed first.

Dr. Rex turned the meeting over to Chair Simpson.

Chair Simpson recognized Board member, Mr. Trip DuBard, a member of Liberty Fellowship's inaugural Class of 2006, and congratulated him for winning the inaugural Liberty Prize. The Liberty Prize award of \$50,000 is to be used to sustain and expand the winning Fellow's community leadership project.

The Board recessed for five minutes before beginning the Public Comment Period.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Simpson stated that they were eight people signed up for public comment.

1. Dr. Kim Masters, Director, Midlands Residential Treatment Center, spoke to the Board asking them to create an occupational diploma. He then provided a handout to the Board.

In addition, the following parents spoke in an effort to secure additional services for children with disabilities.

2. Ms. Lisa Rollins
3. Ms. Janet Frazier
4. Mr. Jeff Hoge
5. Ms. Stacy Perkins
6. Mr. Edward Manley
7. Mr. Joe Heffernan and son Tate
8. Ms. Kristi Boatwright

VII PUBLIC HEARING

PH-01 Promulgate Amendments to S.C. Code Ann. 43-62, Requirements for Additional Areas of Certification (Second Reading)

Chair Simpson stated that one person had signed up to speak regarding this regulation.

Phyllis Pendarvis, retired middle-level teacher, guidance counselor, assistant principal for instruction, and middle school principal, asked the Board to consider carefully any changes in the requirements for the preparation of middle-level teachers in two content areas as proposed in item 3 of the proposed amendments.

Mr. Jim Turner presented the regulation to the Board members. He stated that this regulation was presented to the Board on November 14, 2007, for first reading and was approved, as presented. At that time, the regulation amendments were addressed in great detail. Turner addressed the three main amendments in the regulation: (1) implementation of new add-on certification for American Sign Language; (2) extension of the grandfathering provision for certification in middle level for an additional year, until July 1, 2009; (3) reconsideration of the decision to convert to an approved program approach for add-on certification that is to begin in July 2009 (R 43-62(I)(A). This change would impact add-on certification in general and not just add-on requirements for middle level; (4) revision of current add-on certification requirements for middle-level areas to reduce the amount of content coursework required, especially for teachers currently certified in secondary content fields. No additional content coursework would be required for secondary teachers certified in the same content field as the middle-level field they are attempting to add; however, fifteen semester hours would be required for those individuals certified in elementary education or early childhood who are adding a middle-level area; (5) phasing in the middle-level certification requirement, beginning with the 2009-10 school year, and allowing for an incremental phase-in over five years so that additional time may be provided for teachers to obtain the necessary certification. Relative to the chart indicating the incremental phase-in, for year 2013 and beyond, 95 percent has been changed to 100 percent.

Mr. Turner then addressed Ms. Pendarvis' concerns. He stated that when this item was presented in November, an overview was presented of all recommendations made by the Middle Level Task Force. One of those recommendations did relate to initial preparation programs, and whether or not we should change from requiring two areas of concentration and require just one area. At this time, no recommendation regarding that change has been made to the Board. This recommendation is not related to any revisions being made in the regulation, and is still under study.

The South Carolina Department of Education recommended that the State Board of Education promulgate the amendments to R 43-62 and approve the plan to phase in middle-level certification.

Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board approve the promulgation of amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs 43-62, Requirements for Additional Areas of Certification, as presented, for second reading. Mr. Charles McKinney seconded the motion.

Chair Simpson asked if any Board members had any discussion.

Ms. Maguire asked Mr. Turner to clarify the asterisk on page 10, part c, *Content preparation for early childhood elementary or middle level teachers adding a content field at the middle level, fifteen semester hours.** She wanted to know if this was saying that if someone majored in elementary education and they took their electives in mathematics, would this require the teacher to go back to school and take additional courses or would the courses she took earlier count. Mr. Turner stated that the courses she took earlier would be considered in the fifteen hours. The asterisk is referring to the fact that all course work in a particular middle-level field has to relate to that particular content field.

Chair Simpson called for the question. The motion carried.

PH-02 Promulgate Amendments to S.C. Code Ann. 43-258.1, Advance Placement (Second Reading)

Chair Simpson stated that no one had signed up for public comment. He asked if anyone in the audience wished to comment. There were none.

Dr. Helena Tillar presented the item. She stated that the change in the regulation would allow teachers to earn an Advanced

Placement (AP) endorsement by successfully completing professional development provided by the College Board, including online course work. The change would allow teachers to have AP endorsement added to their certificates by successfully completing forty-five hours of training provided by College Board-endorsed professional development. Each teacher of an AP course shall have completed the appropriate AP three-graduate-hour training program.

The SCDE recommends that the SBE approve the promulgation of amendments to R 43-258.1.

Mr. Tim Moore moved to approve the promulgation of amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs 43-258.1, Advance Placement for second reading. Mrs. Kristin Maguire seconded the motion.

Chair Simpson asked if any Board members had questions. There were none.

Dr. Tillar asked that one point of clarification be included under the last paragraph, last sentence: "the plan may include but are not limited to College Board workshops in professional development opportunities." The word "are" is being replaced with the word "is."

Chair Simpson called for the question. The motion carried.

Chair Simpson then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Patsy Pye

IX. STATE BOARD COMMITTEES REPORTS

EP EDUCATION PROFESSIONS

Patsy Pye, Chair

Chair Pye made a motion to suspend the rules to present an information item before the Board. This item was not brought before a Committee. Chair Al Simpson recognized Mrs. Pye's motion to suspend the rules to bring an information item before the Board. Mr. Charles McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mrs. Pye then asked Mr. Jim Turner to present the item.

Mr. Jim Turner explained that Proviso 1.14 allows school districts to request the renewal of temporary certificates and out-of-field permits originally issued to educators during the previous school year in cases where the educator has not earned the necessary course work to renew those certificates. The proviso specifies that no certificate or

permit can be renewed more than twice. Mr. Turner explained that temporary and out-of-field permits are considered to be certificates with waivers. So in compliance with the NCLB legislation, the State Board revised the certification regulations to discontinue the issue of temporary certificates and permits in core content areas—areas such as English, reading, language arts, and content areas. As a result, the only temporary certificates and permits that have been issued in the 2007–08 school year under this proviso are in subject areas that are not designated as core content field, specifically media specialist, guidance, and administration. Mr. Turner stated that the proviso numbers have decreased since last year. The total number of temporary certificates issued under this proviso has gone from 163 to 0 in the last two years. The number of out-of-field permits has decreased to only 24 in this current school year.

Chair Pye gave a brief overview of the Education Profession Committee's last meeting. Mr. Mark Bounds, Deputy Superintendent for the Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, gave an overview of his office and staff. Determining a meeting time was the main topic of the meeting. The Committee decided to have a phone conference on February 26, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. Chair Pye will send out an e-mail to everyone giving them the date and time of the meeting.

SL&ASTANDARDS, LEARNING, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Libby Swad, Chair

Chair Swad turned the meeting over to Ms. Cindy Clark since she was acting chair at the first meeting, in Chair Swad's absence. Ms. Clark gave the Board members an update on the committee meeting. She extended her thanks to the staff for all of their hard work. She stated that the committee went over the input from the six to eight English language arts (ELA) focus groups and discussed the work that had been done by the Department staff and the committees. Topics discussed included the timeline for completing the revisions to the standards and for having them presented to the State Board for consideration, how the standards can be improved, and assessments.

Chair Swad stated that the Writing Standards Committee met on Tuesday, February 12, 2007. She stated that the most important issue discussed in the meeting was deciding to write standards for every child in South Carolina.

F&O FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

Rick Adkins, Chair

Chair Adkins moved to amend the State Board agenda to add the approval of the 2007 Public Schools Capital Needs Report. The motion carried. The report, which is a compilation of information from the school districts on their capital needs, will be presented to the General Assembly.

Chair Adkins gave an overview of their meeting. The Committee approved the 2007 Public School Capital Needs Report. Chair Adkins moved for approval to send the report to the General Assembly. The motion carried.

Chair Adkins stated that the SBE budget report would be presented quarterly.

I&E INNOVATION AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Kristin Maguire, Chair

Chair Maguire stated that the Innovation and Educational Services Committee has had two meetings scheduled. The meeting scheduled for February 12, 2008, did not have a quorum, so the meeting did not take place. The people who were present at the meeting stayed to discuss Innovation and Educational Services. Dee Appleby presented a PowerPoint on the Virtual Schools Program. Chair Maguire provided Board members with a copy of the PowerPoint. Chair Maguire stated that the Virtual Schools Program received about 4,200 applications since August of last year. The legislature only planned for 3,000. There were 1,216 students participating in credit recovery. She advised the Board that Virtual School Guidelines have been adopted by the State Board but regulations needed to be adopted and submitted to the General Assembly next fall.

Maguire advised the Board that the Committee would also be revising the Public Choice Innovation School Grant Program which will be set up as a permanent program. The Committee will also be working on amending the Charter School regulations, hopefully within the next couple of months.

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P&L POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE

Al Simpson, Chair

02. Proposed Amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs., 43-80 (Supp. 2007), Operation of Public Pupil Transportation Services (First Reading)

Mr. Donald Tudor, Director, Office of Transportation, presented this item. He asked the State Board to approve amendments to Regulation 43-80, which include changes that will establish a multilevel School Bus Driver's Certification program. This regulation will create a program to certify school bus drivers of publicly and privately owned school buses and provide a separate certification level for drivers of school buses used for regular route service and activity trips.

The SCDE recommends that the State Board approve this regulation.

The Chair moved to approve the proposed amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-80. Since this request came from Committee it does not need a second.

After a discussion by Mr. Trip DuBard, the Chair called for the question. The motion carried.

03. Charter School Facility Waiver Request Rule

Shelly Kelly, Esquire, Deputy General Counsel, presented this item. She stated that the purpose of this item is to add a rule to the State Board of Education Rules of Governance that would allow charter schools to apply directly to the State Board of Education for waivers of school facility requirements.

The SCDE recommends that the SBE approve this request.

Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved to waive second reading of the Charter School Facility Waiver Request Rule. Mr. Rick Adkins seconded the motion.

There being no discussion, Chair Simpson called for the question. The motion carried.

Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved to approve the Charter School Facility Waiver Request Rule on behalf of the Policy Committee. Since this comes from a committee it does not require a second.

There being no discussion Chair Simpson called for the question. The motion carried.

Chair Simpson stated that he would work on a Committee meeting date and let the members know.

Chair Rick Adkins, Finance and Operations, stated the Finance and Operations Committee would be meeting in Room 806 upon adjournment of the State Board of Education meeting.

I. OTHER BUSINESS

Char Simpson discussed the importance of focusing on things that could be identified to address the school graduation rate. Chair Simpson recognized Dr. Janice Poda, Deputy Superintendent for Administration, who is working with Chair Simpson on this issue, to address the Board.

Dr. Poda thanked her colleagues, particularly Dr. Cleo Richardson and his staff for all of the hard work they have been doing on this issue. Dr. Richardson has been working on a grant proposal to America's Promise to look at ways to decrease the drop-out rate and increase the graduation rate. We are proposing that we hold a summit to address this issue on August 8, right before the opening of schools, to build some momentum about this issue and perhaps tie it into an initiative that was started last year in Greenville. Graduate Greenville sends volunteers to knock on doors of students who do not return to school and to encourage them to come back into the school setting, either in the regular school setting or adult education.

Mrs. Maguire stated that it's not so much the dropout issue as it is the high school completion rate issue. Mrs. Maguire stated that we have a primary way for everyone to get a high school diploma, starting with 4K or 5K and completing grade 12 with a diploma. However, there is not an alternative, contingency, or emergency plan if the traditional route doesn't work. Some parents who are home schooling their children have called Mrs. Maguire because their children are not on the diploma track, and the district encouraged them to take their child out of school. We need to make sure we are following our mission of every child being ready for life, post high school.

Mrs. Swad asked for a copy of the committee meeting dates and times. Dr. Poda stated that the committees' agendas that include the meeting date, time, and location should be e-mailed to all Board members. If this is not being done, a reminder would be given to SCDE employees.

Mr. DuBard supported Mrs. Maguire comments.

Dr. Gerrita Postlewait asked if the lack of cyclical review referred to by Dr. Rex this morning had to do with the EEA itself. Board members confirmed that the cyclical review would be for the entire accountability system.

Mrs. Swad stated the standards should be aligned with the assessments given to students.

Mrs. Maguire stated that timing will be an issue in aligning the standards with the assessments this year since the ELA standards have not been adopted.

Chair Simpson reminded everyone that all members of the Board were invited to attend all of the committee meetings. Please work with the Chair if there are any committee problems with meeting dates.

Mrs. Pye asked if the committees could have a set time and date to meet. Good times would be the day before the Board meeting or after the Board meeting. Right now, everybody is meeting at different times, and it is hard for people to attend. In some cases there are not enough people to attend the committee meetings.

Chair Simpson said that he had no problem with the committees meeting the day before or after the Board meeting. He would leave it up to the Chairs to decide if they wanted to have a set date. He does not want all of the committees meeting at the same time the day before the full Board meeting or immediately after the meeting. This would prevent people who want to attend the other meetings from doing so.

Mrs. Maguire stated that she liked the idea of the committees meeting on the same date, with different times.

Mr. Bowers asked about a request the Department had made for funding in its budget request. Chair Simpson said the

Department's budget did not fall within the State Board's responsibility.

A discussion took place on the presentation by the parents of students with disabilities. Chair Simpson stated that he was going to discuss this issue with Dr. Rex and bring it back before the Board.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.